Environment friendly technology for textile industry

3119. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal on adoption of environment friendly technology in textile industry including handloom, powerloom and handicraft;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount likely to be spent on this proposal including contribution of foreign exchange in it; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken for adoption of such technology during the Tenth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) to (d) The Government is committed to the adoption of environmental friendly technology in the textile industry. Pollution control norms are notified from time to time by Ministry of Environment and Forests and other agencies. These have to be adopted by the industry. The industry has been encouraged to install effluent treatment plant and take necessary steps to prevent degradation of the environment.

Earning through handloom products in Tamil Nadu

3120. SHRI R. SHUNMUGASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total earning through sale of handloom products in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the schemes for promotion of handloom industry; and

(c) the number of the handloom weavers benefited from the new insurance scheme?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) and (b) The Government is implementing the following schemes for the welfare of handloom weavers and promotion of handloom industry:

1. Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana
2. Marketing Promotion Programme
3. Handloom Export Scheme